

PASSING OF CO. COURT

The Lunenburg Sovereigns
Will Be Lost Without It.

TALK OF CLUB MEETINGS

The Democratic Committee to Decide
Monday as to the Question of Or-
dering a Primary—Work of
Lightning.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
AHEIRREN, VA., July 11.—There is no county within the borders of the Old Dominion that her citizens will mourn the departure of the regular term of County Court which has been wiped out under the recent Constitutional Convention more than Lunenburg.

Court day in this county has always been considered a holiday among a certain class of people, who attend regularly, every court day to discuss and hear discussed the various subjects that interest the people of the old "Free State." At every session of the court large crowds will be found who are drawn to the county seat solely to meet their friend, and reunion after reunion of this nature is held on the court green once every month.

This is also a great day for the politicians, who congregate here and there in the interest of their candidates, and votes for their favorites are promised them right on the spot. It is here that the candidates for all offices announce themselves, and immediately set to work to defeat their opponents. Speeches are made and the whole campaign is planned and outlined within the walls of the old building. Horse-trading is also a prominent part of the programme that takes place during this important day, and people can be seen who come for miles riding and leading his "swampin'" stock, ready at any moment to drive a trade, and it is estimated that more horses change hands on this one day of the month than all the rest together.

During the summer months when the watermelons and cider are placed upon the market, these days that are spent around the country capital are among the merriest and seem more like a picnic to the average visitor than anything else. It is during these gatherings that the farmers discuss the various kinds of crops that are planted, the mode of cultivating them, stock raising and many other branches of the farm life that is

full of interest and instruction for this class of people and altogether they count this one day from each month as well spent as the rest.

AN IRREPARABLE LOSS.
The question which confronts the people of Lunenburg now is, What will the people do without these monthly gatherings? It has been suggested by a few that the farmers of the county form some organization and meet at appointed places once a month and discuss the problems that monthly confronts them, and on the day set for these meetings have some special inducements to get a crowd equally as large as those that attend the County Court.

The quarterly term, which will be inaugurated, is claimed by the people to be too far apart and that they would grow rusty before they would have an opportunity of refreshing their minds; and the horse trader says it would be too long to keep his animals and some remedy must be had.

COUNTY COURT CASES.
Monday's next is Lunenburg County Court day. The trial of Slaughter for the shooting of Jim Bowen will be called for the second trial. At the May term this case was tried and resulted in a hung jury, and since the prisoner has been fined the county jail, it having been continued at the last term. A few cases of less importance will also be called at this term.

POLITICAL SITUATION.
The political situation grows warmer and warmer in the county as the time draws nearer to the election. The warmest fight is expected to take place among the candidates for the Legislature, who are expected to be William H. Rutledge, Candidates for the various county offices are announcing themselves, and it is quite evident that a hard fight will be made among them. Mr. T. A. Overby, who is the Lunenburg member in the Legislature, will not be a candidate for re-election, as he will sometime this fall leave the county and make his home in Nottingham.

A meeting of the County Committee has been called for Monday next at Lunenburg Courthouse to decide whether or not a primary will be held in the county, and should they decide to hold this primary the battle will be waged sooner than is expected.

WORK OF LIGHTNING.
The lightning has done much damage through this section in the past week. Mr. T. C. Fowlkes, of Lunenburg Courthouse, had seven mules, and a storm came up, and while they were all clustered together, a flash came that killed one of the mules, and also a valuable mule. All the rest of the mules were knocked to the ground, and were injured to such an extent that they could not be worked for several days.

Mr. J. E. Redman also lost a fine animal on Saturday last by being struck while in a stable of his friend. Mrs. H. W. Wall has just commenced the erection of a nice storehouse on her lot purchased some months ago from Mr. E. A. Owen.

Mr. J. S. Shackleton spent a few days this week at Darlington Heights. Mrs. Sallie Johnston, who has been attending college at Port Royal, Va., returned home a few days ago.

Rev. John Hudson has for the past week been holding a series of revivals at Tussock Church, a few miles south of this point. Large congregations have been present, and much interest manifested.

NEW LAW IS JUSTIFIED

Present State Constitution
Grows Steadily In Favor.

THE NEGRO VOTE REDUCED

Fauquier Has Never Forgiven Martin
for His Defeat of Lee-Willard Green
Carry the County—Mr. Green
Angered the People.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
MORRISVILLE, VA., July 11.—That love of old customs, institutions and landmarks, which lingers in the breasts of so many, a timeliness less certain rights and privileges now enjoyed might be cut off or curtailed, and a dread of the expense caused some opposition in Fauquier county to changing the Constitution of the State when the question was first being discussed; then there were many who, while admitting that the State had sent its best men to Richmond, who had honestly, impartially and conscientiously labored for the people, yet were not willing to give up the old, improved over the old, opposed proclaiming it. The last objection was to the examination for registration, which was unfavorably received by some at first; but the new Constitution has steadily grown in favor until any suggestion to return to the old one would be considered a crime.

In Lee District the new registration will reduce the negro vote eighty per cent. For example, take Bealeton, the precinct in the district. There were 23 registered voters of the negro race in the old poll books, and the new ones there are forty-five. At the same precinct there are 300 white voters, a falling off of less than twenty per cent. In Marshall District was even more largely eliminated, while the white vote was but slightly reduced. As Mr. J. T. District, a prominent politician of that district, recently observed, "It is a white man's fight from now on." "In Warrenton the negro vote was shaved," one politician epigrammatically observed. Taking the negro vote over the entire county, it was reduced at least eighty per cent. The white vote was not reduced over fifty per cent. Some few of the whites, fearful of being able to pass the examination, did not appear to have their names enrolled upon the poll books, and these are about the only whites that now object to the new Constitution. But many of them will come in next time.

A GOOD EFFECT.
The new registration will largely increase the Democratic majority proportionally in this county will also increase it numerically. One of the results observed by all is that it seems to make the negro more respectful and polite towards the whites than at any time since the ante-bellum days.

In the great political battle that ended in the elevation of Mr. Thomas Martin to the United States Senate over General Fitzhugh Lee, the voters of this county favored General Lee after General Fitzhugh Lee, and the masses never seem to have entirely forgiven Mr. Martin for defeating their favorite. Though, if Governor Montague wins the support of this county over Mr. Martin it will not be a walkover as some of the leading Democratic politicians of this county, such as Judge C. M. White and Hon. T. C. Piche, are ardent supporters of the Albemarle county man. The support of Hon. Eppa Hunton, Jr., will be a tower of strength for Governor Montague in his candidacy for the Senate, and actively working for him in the lower part of the county Mr. T. Jones, who is no inuflant on the chess-board of politics.

AN ASTUTE POLITICIAN.
The most astute politician in Fauquier county is Mr. Rufus Kemper, of Lotts. Not a political shade of the mind of a voter in his precinct, if not his entire district, but is known to him, and in the manner of influencing him for this or that candidate. Every individual in the county of any political power is known by him, along with their strong and weak points. Tall and heavily built in person, with a pleasant friendly manner towards all, Mr. Kemper is immensely popular with all classes and while he seldom takes an active part in the game of politics, when he does he has no equal, and his opinion on political questions is infallible.

He recently informed your correspondent that Lieutenant-Governor Joseph E. Willard should unquestionably have the support of Fauquier county in his candidacy for the governorship, which opinion has been confirmed by talks with men from different sections of the county. Lieutenant-Governor Willard appears to be exceptionally strong with the masses. Hon. J. M. Green, who at present represents Fauquier county in the House of Delegates, angered many of his constituents when he voted to keep Judge Campbell on the bench in Amherst county. The opposition centered upon Judge C. M. White, who by a change in the Constitution loses his position as Judge of the County Court. Judge White was waited on by delegations from different parts of the county, but he declined to become a candidate, giving reasons eminently satisfactory to his friends. He is a strong, clean man, of fine judgment, strong common sense, with an excellent record as judge and private citizen, and with many admirers all over the county.

As mentioned very often in connection with the place now held by Mr. Green is that of J. M. Price, of Bealeton. While not a brilliant man, Mr. Price is a conservative man of great common sense and business activity, popular with the masses and loyal to his friends.

EXCITING FIGHT.
The most exciting political fight in the near future promises to be for the office of sheriff. There are two candidates, Mr. Alexander Hamilton, the present sheriff, who possesses the advantage of position, and Mr. James Olinner, who has a very extensive connection well distributed over the county. Both are looked upon as excellent men for the place, and so many voters are undecided as yet that it is impossible to pick a winner.

Mr. Hugh Hamilton will unquestionably succeed himself as county treasurer, and Mr. James P. Jeffries seems to have a clean field as Commonwealth's attorney. It is understood that Mr. John P. Turner, the present clerk of the Circuit Court for Fauquier county, will be a candidate for that office next time, if elected, will appoint Mr. A. R. Bartlett as county clerk, his first deputy. Hon. Eppa Hunton, Jr., is not known to be a candidate for any office in the gift of the people, but if he would consent to serve in position for the President down all he has to do is to signify a willingness and he will at once have the unanimous support of the voters of "old" Fauquier.

Kingdom of the Tobacco Companies
The year's consumption of tobacco in the United States alone includes 7,000,000,000 of cigars, 1,000,000,000 of cigarettes and 200,000,000 pounds of manufactured tobacco.

co. The one item of smoking and chewing tobacco, exclusive of cigars, cigarettes and pipe tobacco, amounts to an annual value of more than \$500,000,000. In addition, England smokes 6,000,000,000 of cigars, 1,000,000,000 of cigarettes, 1,000,000,000 of cigars every twelve months. This outside cigarette putting burns up about \$1,000,000,000 of tobacco and about \$1,000,000,000 into the bank account of the American grower, giving the plant balance to the trust.—Everybody's Magazine.

Y. M. C. A. ENCAMPMENT
An Old Staunton Landmark Removed
Fine Wheat Crop.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
STAUNTON, VA., July 11.—The Young Men's Christian Association have arranged to hold their regular annual meeting on Monday, the 20th of this month, at Cave Springs, this county. They will be in camp until August 1st. The boys camped at the same place last year.

They have made arrangements to accommodate one hundred. Professor F. R. Webb of this city, accompanied by Mr. George Beall, of Maryland, returned to Staunton from a two-week camping on the Greenbrier River. Harvest is about over in this county, and the farmers report a good crop, and the corn is looking fine. Hay making is also in progress now, and there is some very fine crops, but not to equal the wheat crop of this year.

A rain on Sunday this week near Middlebrook washed away many shocks of wheat, which could be seen going down stream from there in the evening until after dark.

One of Staunton's oldest landmarks, the N. M. Varner residence, on Vermont Street, is now being torn down, and in its place will be erected a handsome dwelling. This house was a frame, and has been standing over one hundred years, it being built by Peter Eckle. Hon. Edward Echols is preparing to erect on Courthouse Square a fine three-story law building, which will take the place of the old one-story building.

At the meeting of the City Council on Tuesday night, Mr. J. H. Worthington representing the Staunton Canning Company, petitioned the Council for the use of the city market house for the purpose of carrying on the canning business. This company expects to go to work in August, and will employ a large number of hands.

Mr. John M. Carroll, a prominent real estate agent of this city, and at one time city treasurer, was taken suddenly ill at his office on Tuesday evening, and did not recover, and he was removed to his home until late in the night. His condition is still very dangerous, but there is a slight improvement.

The shows at the Casino at Highland Park are drawing large crowds every night, and it is very likely that the seating capacity will have to be enlarged.

PREPARING A WELCOME

Scottsville Ready to Take Care of the District Conference.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SCOTTSVILLE, VA., July 11.—Extensive preparations are being made for the accommodation of delegates to the district conference. The Methodist Church and parsonage are being event and garnished, and all things made ready in many hospitable homes.

The Scottsville graded school building, Beal's Hall, the Presbyterian Church, and grounds, will be used in entertaining the visitors.

The primary to elect county officers will be held August 1st. There will be a number of candidates for the different offices.

Mrs. James Holladay and daughter, Bessie, left last week for Spotsylvania. Mrs. Nannie Gilmer left on Tuesday for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Horsley, at Warminster.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer Perkins, of Richmond, are guests at the home of Mr. V. B. Jeffries.

Miss Berta Fox is visiting in King William.

Rev. Plummer Jones, of Buckingham, is expected to preach at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

Mrs. James Moon left this week for Mantoo to visit her son, Mr. Russell Moon.

Jackson Deal spent the day in Covington, Tuesday.

Dr. Charles Wingfield of Warren was in town this week.

On Monday Captain J. L. Pitts shipped the first lot of new wheat which has been sent from this section.

MANY CANDIDATES

James W. Gregory Wants to Represent Pittsylvania in Legislature.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHATHAM, VA., July 11.—Superintendent F. J. M. Gregory, who has fixed for examination of white teachers Tuesday and Wednesday, July 15th and 16th, for colored teachers Thursday and Friday, 17th and 18th.

James W. Gregory has announced himself a candidate for the House of Delegates from Pittsylvania county at the Democratic primary, to be held August 15th. Mr. Gregory has served the people of his county before in this capacity and will receive a large vote. There are now four candidates for the lower house, but the new Constitution only allows Pittsylvania two representatives instead of three heretofore.

Twenty-four candidates have announced themselves for the various county offices and the General Assembly.

Rev. W. H. Boak, of the Christian Church, Martinsville, will begin a series of meetings at Sheva Monday night, July 13th.

Shellhouse & Hodnett, millers, have instituted suit against the Southern Railway Company for \$500,000 in damages for corn burned in the wreck near Danville about one month ago.

A. Watkins has been appointed commissioner of accounts for Pittsylvania county to succeed Ross Carter, deceased. There were several applicants for the place.

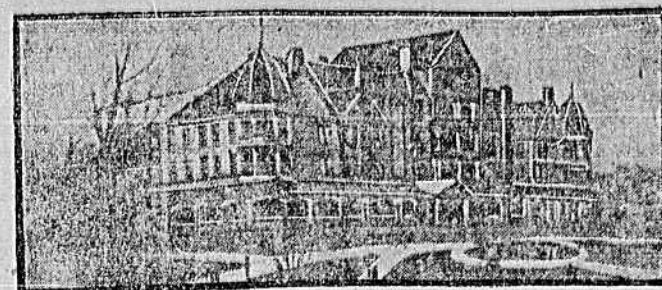
The Potatoes' Paradise.
Aroostook county, Me., is called the potatoes' paradise. This year the crop will range from 1,500,000 to 4,000,000 bushels of which the greater part will be shipped away. Last year the crop averaged \$1.70 a barrel.

ON STUART'S EYES
AFTER HIS DEATH
Silver Quarters Contributed
to the Confederate
Museum Here.

Valuable and interesting donations have been made to the Confederate Museum of late. Among them are two silver quarters given by Prof. Venable, of the University of Virginia. They are best described by a copy of his own account sent with them.

These two silver quarters-dollars I placed upon the eyes of Major-General J. E. B. Stuart after he died at 8:30 P. M. May 12, 1863, to keep them closed. They have been sacredly preserved by my family, and I now present them to the Confederate Museum. VENABLE, JR., "Major and Inspector-General on General Stuart's staff, C. S. A."

The quarters are mounted on a steel plate, on which is engraved their history. There has also been received the diary of Rev. Cornelius Van Valkenburgh, handwritten, from January 1st, 1860, to January 1st, 1863.



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Pure Leaf Lard, per pound.....	11c	Best Country Butter.....	24c
Cooked Ham, sliced, per lb.....	15c	Finest Meal, peck.....	20c

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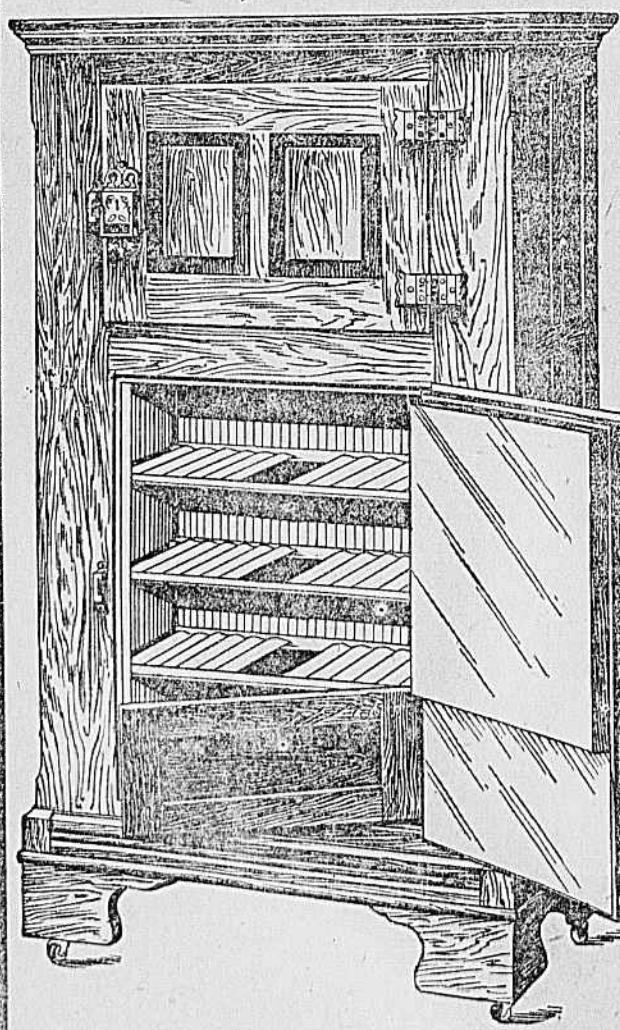
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